

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY

ALUMNI AWARDS 2024

United Lutheran Seminary celebrates the achievement and witness of our alumni. The annual alumni awards are given for perseverance, effectiveness, and faithfulness in a ministry of devotion and dedication to the church. The awards presented are:

- ♦ WITNESS TO THE WORLD – EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY MINISTRY AWARD
- ♦ CALLED TO LEAD – EXCELLENCE IN PARISH MINISTRY AWARD
- ♦ FAITHFUL SERVANT – OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNI AWARD
- ♦ CELEBRATED LIFETIME MINISTRIES

These awards seek to honor all United Lutheran Seminary (and predecessors LTSG and LTSP) graduates and certificate holders who have exhibited faithfulness in the ministry of the church and by that faithfulness bring honor to all seminary graduates.

Criteria considered in the selection process are:

WITNESS TO THE WORLD – EXCELLENT IN COMMUNITY MINISTRY AWARD

- ♦ Dedication to their vocation
- ♦ Faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry
- ♦ Exceptional service to church and community in providing a public witness to the gospel
- ♦ Unique programs implemented or innovation in leadership
- ♦ Service to synod/judicatory and seminary

CALLED TO LEAD – EXCELLENCE IN PARISH MINISTRY AWARD

- ♦ Dedication to their vocation
- ♦ Faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry in the parish such as in pastoral care, preaching music leadership, Christian education, or other parish ministry areas
- ♦ Service to church and community
- ♦ Focus and stability in each position
- ♦ Service to synod/judicatory and seminary

FAITHFUL SERVANT – OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNI AWARD

- ◆ Dedication to their vocation
- ◆ Faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry
- ◆ Service to church and community
- ◆ Unique programs implemented, innovated ministry practice, or other distinguished service to the church
- ◆ Graduation with the past 10 years
- ◆ Service to synod/judicatory and seminary

CELEBRATED LIFETIME MINISTRIES

- ◆ Dedication to their vocation
- ◆ Faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry
- ◆ Demonstration of witness within church and community
- ◆ Unique gifts utilized
- ◆ Lifetime illustrations of excellence in ministry
- ◆ Service to synod/judicatory and seminary

In making this nomination, please note the following:

THE NOMINATING PROCESS:

- ◆ Nominations accepted from December 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024.
- ◆ This form must be used to make the nomination
- ◆ Additional comments (e.g., newspaper articles/editorials; signed letters of reference providing address and phone number, etc.) should accompany the form
- ◆ Check appropriate award category(ies)
- ◆ Sample nominations and limited staff support are available from the Advancement Office
- ◆ Current Alumni Association Board and/or Executive Committee members are ineligible for nomination

Nominations must be made by a ULS or predecessor seminary alum through this online form. Questions may be directed to Lynn Fry (lfry@uls.edu).

Distinguished Alumni Awards can be represented by a number of qualities.

Some of these qualities, but not limited to, are:

1. Compassionate care and/or community service given to parishioners, patients, residents, their families, or the community.
2. Sets an excellent example of spiritual leadership at any level by working cooperatively with others to meet present challenges and future needs of making known God's presence in the world.
3. Ability to both serve and work with a wide variety of people, groups, and cultures.
4. Advocate for "the least of these" in society (for example, the poor, the neglected, the forgotten) in a way that helps them to be as independent and flourishing as possible.
5. Benevolent servant activity in own or others' house(s) of faith (i.e., church, synagogue, mosque, temple, etc.) or neighborhood or civic organizations in the wider community).

I wish to nominate the following graduate/certificate holder of United Lutheran Seminary or predecessor seminary to receive the award for: (Please provide as much information as you have available)

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Nominee Information

Date of Nomination:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Office Telephone:

Home Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Seminary and Class Year:

Ordination / Consecration / Commission date:(if applicable)

NOMINATIONS: Write and submit a descriptive sketch of one to two pages. Highlight the major events and themes of your candidate's ministry as you perceive each have had an impact on their practice of ministry.

Please include:

- Places of service –dates – type (rural, urban, multi-cultural) – attach separate sheet if needed.
- Examples of ongoing support of theological education and leading others to discern calls to ministry
- Any additional information that will be useful to the selection committee (e.g., newspaper articles/editorials; service to church and community; association with synod, seminary, ministerial associations, signed letters of reference providing address and phone number, etc.)

Nominators Name:

Address:

Office Telephone:

Home Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Seminary and Class Year: